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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

David Y. Jung

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 63 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 7/6/2006
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-47 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-47 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

CLAIMS PRESENTED

Claims 1-47 are presented.

Response to Arguments

Applicant is thanked for the detailed and lengthy arguments.

Applicant has explained and answered all issues presented by the Office except that of the affidavit. Thus, an oversight may have existed. Applicant is respectfully requested to either explicitly refuse to provide such an affidavit or to provide such an affidavit. While the Office may guess at Applicant's position, the Office does not wish to actually presume or to actually decide the position of Applicant regarding this matter (of affidavit) without actually having Applicant's answer on this matter.

The Office notes that the affidavit would render moot all other issues. Thus, for the sake of compact prosecution, the Office awaits Applicant's answer regarding the affidavit before issuing another Office Action from the Examiner.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant has asserted that the features of Windows 2000 may not have been actually known to others as an actual feature until after the first release. This may be persuasive. Applicant is requested to file an appropriate affidavit stating that this is true.

Thus, the claims may be allowable depending on the content of that affidavit.

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The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: If Applicant is correct (and is willing to provide an appropriate affidavit) regarding the date of knowledge of the features of Windows 2000, then the relied prior art is either wrong (as to the date of the features of Windows 2000) or the relied prior art must be re-interpreted to be intending to discuss the features of Windows 2000 at a later date. As no other prior art of record teaches the claimed subject matter, the claims would be allowed.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

Status of claims is as rejected as before.

Conclusion

The art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The art disclosed general background.

Points of Contact

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David Jung

Patent Examiner

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